

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media

consolidation will not serve the public interest. At a

time of crisis, the dangers of such overwhelming

concentration in media are more glaring than ever. The

changes underway will make U.S. media even less diverse,

more commercial and less accountable to the public.

We need to hear a diversity of opinions. It is the American way.